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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

All references, including any patents or patent applications cited in this specification are hereby incorporated by reference. No admission is made that any reference constitutes prior art. The discussion of the references states what their authors assert, and the applicants reserve the right to challenge the accuracy and pertinency of the cited documents. It will be clearly understood that, although a number of prior art publications are referred to herein, this reference does not constitute an admission that any of these documents form part of the common general knowledge in the art, in New Zealand or in any other country.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

In a further preferred embodiment each of the blades provided may pivot about a single common axis or rotatable shaft. This will place the ends or corners of each adjacent jaw set in an overlapping position, preferably with shims provided between each adjacent jaw. As the blades provided act on a common axis, this eliminates the possibility that with wear an uppermost portion of the jaw will fall out of alignment with the lower most portion and subsequently block ~~fall~~ against the main body of the lower jaw.

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A cutting ~~or crushing~~ implement (1) ~~as disclosed which~~ includes a plurality of sets of jaws (3) ~~which when operated are adapted to cut and/or crush~~ a single length of material at a plurality of separate positions along the length of the material. A ~~wherein a~~ single actuation of

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the implement (1) causes each of the jaws (3) to at least partially and consecutively close. The consecutive closing of adjacent jaws (3) places a first jaw in a cutting ~~or-crushing~~ configuration and a second, immediately adjacent jaw in a clamping configuration. The cutting ~~or-crushing~~ implement (1) ~~disclosed is configured to~~ is connected to and ~~be~~-actuated by the actuator arm of an excavator (9).